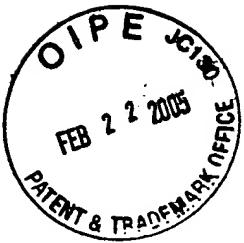


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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 18, 2004 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested. Filed concurrently herewith is the Declaration Under Rule 132 of William G. Thilly, Sc.D.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows: